

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Train-the-Trainer (TtT)

Sponsored By: Michigan State Police, Emergency Management & Homeland Security Division, in partnership with the American Red Cross of West Central Michigan

Date/Time: September 26-27, 2006
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. each day (16 hours)

Location: American Red Cross of West Central Michigan, 1050 Fuller Avenue NE, Grand Rapids

Description: This course is intended to provide knowledge and skills needed to organize, train and implement a CERT program that prepares citizens to assist in emergency response activities in a local community. The course prepares students to teach the basic CERT Course (FEMA G317) by demonstrating instructional methods and familiarizing students with the instructional modules of that course. Upon completion, students will be provided with a copy of the instructor guide and student manual for the CERT course on CD/ROM.

Target

Audience: Participants in the TtT course should be volunteers who are willing to conduct CERT training for team members, emergency responders who will be teaching specialized portions of the basic CERT course, or individuals who have volunteers or professionals who have been selected to manage a CERT or coordinate CERT activities.

Prerequisites: Participants must provide documentation of successful completion of either the CERT Course (G317) or the FEMA Independent Study Course, "Introduction to Community Emergency Response Teams" (IS-317 available at <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/crslist.asp>). Recommended courses are IS-700 and IS-230. Participants should also have a working knowledge of the CERT program, be committed to serving as an instructor in their community, and willing to be listed on a statewide resource list of CERT instructors. Previous experience providing and facilitating instruction for adults is desirable. As the basic CERT course deals with disaster preparedness, fire suppression, disaster medical aid, and light search and rescue, volunteer instructors with emergency management, firefighting, EMS, search and rescue experience or medical training are particularly desirable.

Attendance: Maximum of 50 students per class. The first registrants that meet the prerequisites will be given priority. Students must attend all training in order to receive a completion certificate. Students attending this training will be responsible for their own travel, meals and lodging. HSGP or Citizen Corps grant funding may be used to support travel expenses for these courses as applicable.

Lodging: Available at Grand Rapids-Days Inn Downtown, 310 Pearl Street NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504, Phone: 616-235-7611, \$68 plus tax

Registration: Interested participants must complete the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Training On-Line Application at www.michigan.gov/emd no later than September 18, 2006. Each enrollment must be endorsed by the Chair of the participants local Citizen Corps Council or local emergency management coordinator. **Upon submission of your on-line application, you will be contacted to submit your endorsements and prerequisite information, along with any special needs requirements you may have.**

Student Dress: CERT is a hands-on course. Students should dress for hands-on activity. Comfortable, flat shoes with non-slip soles are recommended. Pants are recommended for all students (no skirts or dresses).

Information: Additional information may be obtained by contacting Sgt. Kevin Sweeney at 517-336-6429 or at sweeneyk@michigan.gov.

